
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 3051

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A13 Trunk Road (Tower Hamlets) Red
Route (Bus Priority) Traffic Order 1999**

Made - - - - *12th November 1999*
22nd November
Coming into force - - *1999*

The Traffic Director for London, in accordance with a direction given to him by the Secretary of State under section 58 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1991(1) and in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(2), and of all other enabling powers, hereby makes the following Order:—

Commencement and citation

1. This Order may be cited as the A13 Trunk Road (Tower Hamlets) Red Route (Bus Priority) Traffic Order 1999, and shall come into force on 22nd November 1999.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

- (a) a reference to an article or schedule followed by a number is a reference to the article of, or schedule to, this Order so numbered;
- (b) causing includes permitting;
- (c) “carriageway” has the same meaning as in section 329(1) of the Highways Act 1980(3); and
- (d) “vehicle” includes part of a vehicle;
- (e) “bus”, “local bus”, “pedal cycle”, “taxi”, “traffic lane”, “contra-flow” and “with-flow lane” have the meanings given in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994(4);

(1) 1991 c. 40.
(2) 1984 c. 27.
(3) 1980 c. 66.
(4) SI 1994, 1519.

- (f) “bus lane” means a traffic lane on a length of road which is specified in column (2) in the table in schedule 1 and in respect of which traffic signs are in place indicating the controls specified in this Order;
- (g) “bus-only route” means an area of road which is specified in column (2) in the table in schedule 2 and in respect of which traffic signs are in place indicating the controls specified in this Order;
- (h) “dial-a-ride bus” means a vehicle—
 - (i) displaying so as to be conspicuous on the outside of the vehicle a logo in a form approved by or with the authority of the Traffic Director for London and containing the words “dial-a-ride”; and
 - (ii) constructed or adapted for the carriage of disabled persons and their companions and which is being used to provide a service for the carriage of such persons;
- (i) “times of operation” means
 - in relation to a bus lane specified in an item in column (2) of the table in schedule 1, the times specified in column (3) of that item, and
 - in relation to a bus-only route specified in an item in column (2) of the table in schedule 2, the times specified in column (3) of that item;
- (j) an entry in column (3), (4) or (5) of an item in the table in schedule 1 or 2 applies to that column in subsequent items in that table.

Bus Priority Controls

3.—(1) Except as provided in articles 4 and 5, no person shall cause a vehicle to be in a bus lane in a length of road specified in an item in column (2) of the table in schedule 1 during the times specified in that item in column (3) of that item unless that vehicle is proceeding in the direction specified in column (4) of that item and is of a type specified in column (5) of that item.

(2) Except as provided in article 5, no person shall cause a vehicle to be in a bus-only route in an area of road specified in an item in column (2) of the table in schedule 2 during the times specified in that column (3) of that item unless that vehicle is proceeding in the direction or directions specified in column (4) of that item and is of a type specified in column (5) of that item.

Exemptions—Bus Lanes

4.—(1) The controls specified in article 3(1) do not apply so as to prevent a vehicle being in a bus lane if and for as long as necessary—

- (a) to enable a person to get on or off the vehicle; or
- (b) to enable goods to be loaded on to or unloaded from the vehicle;

if and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other Order.

(2) The controls specified in article 3(1) do not apply in respect of a vehicle which is being used for a purpose which is within an exemption to a restriction or prohibition imposed by any other Order or which is permitted by any other Order.

(3) The controls specified in article 3(1) do not apply in respect of a vehicle crossing a bus lane to get to or from any road adjacent to the bus lane or any vehicular access to premises adjacent to the bus lane.

Exemptions—Bus Lanes and Bus-Only Routes

5.—(1) The controls specified in articles 3(1) and 3(2) do not apply in respect of a vehicle being in a bus lane or a bus-only route if the vehicle is being used in—

- (a) the service of a local authority for the purpose of collecting refuse;
- (b) the pursuance of any statutory duty of the Post Office for the purpose of collecting or delivering letters provided the vehicle bears the Royal Mail livery;
- (c) connection with the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (d) connection with the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of any road;
- (e) connection with the maintenance, improvement or construction of any street furniture including bus stop infrastructure;
- (f) connection with any building operation or demolition;
- (g) connection with the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near the bus lane of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunications apparatus as defined in paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2 of the Telecommunications Act 1984⁽⁵⁾;

if the vehicle cannot be used for that purpose without being in the bus lane or the bus-only route and in so far as the activity is not prohibited by the provisions of any other Order.

2) The controls specified in article 3(1) and 3(2) do not apply in respect of a vehicle being in a bus lane or bus-only route—

- (a) so as to avoid an accident;
- (b) to allow a person to get or give help in consequence of an accident or emergency or otherwise take action for public safety;
- (c) to such an extent and for such a time as is needed to comply with any requirement resulting from works or an emergency in any part of the road adjoining the bus lane or bus-only route;
- (d) if it is being used for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes.

(3) The controls specified in articles 3(1) and 3(2) do not apply in respect of anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a traffic warden.

Revocation or variation of existing Orders

5.—(1) The A13 Trunk Road (Tower Hamlets) (Bus Lanes) Traffic Order 1994⁽⁶⁾ is hereby revoked in so far as its provisions relate to any length of road specified in the table in the schedule to this Order.

(2) Item 1 in the Schedule of the Tower Hamlets (Bus Lanes) (No. 2) Traffic Order 1985⁽⁷⁾ is hereby revoked in so far as its provisions relate to any length of road specified in the table in the schedule to this Order.

Signed in accordance with a direction from the Secretary of State

12th November 1999

Derek Turner
Traffic Director for London

(5) 1984 c. 12.

(6) SI 1994/2887.

(7) GLC 1985/198.

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SCHEDULE 1

Article 3(1)

BUS LANES

Table

<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Lengths of road</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Times of operation</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Direction of travel and type of bus lane</i>	<i>(5)</i> <i>Type of permitted vehicle</i>
1.	Between a point 3 metres of the eastern kerbline of Amoy Place and a point 30 metres west of the western kerbline of Bazeley Street.	0700-1900 Mon-Sat	Westbound with-flow lane	Buses Taxis Cycles
2.	A13 Commercial Road between a point 60 metres east of the South—eastern kerbline of Yorkshire Road and opposite a point 66 metres east of the eastern kerbline of Mill Place.	1600-1900 Mon-Sat	Eastbound with-flow lane	Buses Taxis Cycles
3.	Between a point 40 metres west of the kerbline of Canton Street and a point 30 metres west of the western kerbline of Upper North Street.	0700-1900 Mon-Sat	Eastbound with-flow lane	Buses Taxis Cycles
4.	Between a point 3 metres east of the eastern kerbline of upper North Street and a point 30 metres west of the kerbline of Chrisp Street.	0700-1900 Mon-Sat	Eastbound with-flow lane	Buses Taxis Cycles
5.	Between a point 76 metres east of the eastern	0700-1900 Mon-Sat	Eastbound with-flow lane	Buses Taxis

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	kerblines of Brunswick Road and a point 29 metres west of a point in line with the western kerblines of Leamouth Road			Cycles

SCHEDULE 2

Article 3(2)

BUS-ONLY ROUTES

Table

<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Areas of road</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Times of operation</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Direction of travel</i>	<i>(5)</i> <i>Type of permitted vehicle</i>
		At any time		